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Pajaro District, Pajaro Valley Unified School District  
294 Green Valley Road  
Watsonville, CA 95076

**Re: Project Bike Tech at Pajaro Valley High School**

Dear Superintendent Rodriguez and Board of Trustees:

The Sierra Club is writing to express our strong support for the Project Bike Tech program at Pajaro Valley High School. We urge you to retain the program and its award-winning teacher, Mr. Lorenzo Holquin.

The Project Bike Tech budget was threatened in the spring of 2020 and it was determined that the program would stay open. A termination of long term staff that teach all of the Bike Tech classes in the Pajaro District would severely cripple the program, if not effectively terminate it. This runs contrary to the recent decision to keep it open. Mr. Holquin has devoted countless hours to the community both as a teacher and as a leader at the Bike Shack in Watsonville.

The program currently boasts five classes that serve over 150 students at the school. Project Bike Tech offers unique hands-on learning and promotes bicycles as a healthy form of transportation. The Sierra Club is committed to encouraging and supporting bicycling culture and employment as a way to support the long term growth of this form of transportation. Personal automobiles currently comprise the biggest contribution to climate change in Santa Cruz County.

We urge you to continue this program and invite Mr. Holquin to continue his good work for the students of PVUSD.

Yours Sincerely,

Chair. Santa Cruz County Group of the Sierra Club